

## Supplementary Information

### Tree height and hydraulic traits shape growth responses across droughts in a temperate broadleaf forest

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Table S1: Species-specific bark thickness regression equations

Species	Equations	$R^2$
<i>Carya cordiformis</i>	$\ln[B] = -1.56 + 0.416 * \ln[DBH]$	0.226
<i>Carya glabra</i>	$\ln[B] = -0.393 + 0.268 * \ln[DBH]$	0.040
<i>Carya ovalis</i>	$\ln[B] = -2.18 + 0.651 * \ln[DBH]$	0.389
<i>Carya tomentosa</i>	$\ln[B] = -0.477 + 0.301 * \ln[DBH]$	0.297
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	$\ln[B] = 1 * \ln[DBH]$	
<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	$\ln[B] = 0.418 + 0.268 * \ln[DBH]$	0.256
<i>Juglans nigra</i>	$\ln[B] = 0.346 + 0.279 * \ln[DBH]$	0.246
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	$\ln[B] = -1.14 + 0.463 * \ln[DBH]$	0.545
<i>Quercus alba</i>	$\ln[B] = -2.09 + 0.637 * \ln[DBH]$	0.603
<i>Quercus prinus</i>	$\ln[B] = -1.31 + 0.528 * \ln[DBH]$	0.577
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	$\ln[B] = -0.593 + 0.292 * \ln[DBH]$	0.087

Table S2: Species-specific height regression equations

Species	Equations	X.R.2.
<i>Carya cordiformis</i>	$\ln[H] = 0.332+0.808*\ln[DBH]$	0.874
<i>Carya glabra</i>	$\ln[H] = 0.685+0.691*\ln[DBH]$	0.841
<i>Carya ovalis</i>	$\ln[H] = 0.533+0.741*\ln[DBH]$	0.924
<i>Carya tomentosa</i>	$\ln[H] = 0.726+0.713*\ln[DBH]$	0.897
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	$\ln[H] = 0.708+0.662*\ln[DBH]$	0.857
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	$\ln[H] = 1.33+0.52*\ln[DBH]$	0.771
<i>Quercus alba</i>	$\ln[H] = 0.74+0.645*\ln[DBH]$	0.719
<i>Quercus prinus</i>	$\ln[H] = 0.41+0.757*\ln[DBH]$	0.886
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	$\ln[H] = 1.00+0.574*\ln[DBH]$	0.755
all	$\ln[H] = 0.839+0.642*\ln[DBH]$	0.857

Table S3: Monthly Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI), and its rank among all years between 1950 and 2009 (driest=1), for focal droughts.

year	month	PDSI	rank
1966	May	-2.98	2
	June	-3.40	2
	July	-4.08	2
	August	-4.82	1
1977	May	-2.96	3
	June	-3.28	3
	July	-3.61	3
	August	-3.68	3
1999	May	-3.63	1
	June	-4.21	1
	July	-4.53	1
	August	-4.64	2

Table S4. Individual tests of species traits as drivers of drought resistance, where  $Rt$  is used as the response variable.

variable	category	all droughts		1966		1977		1999	
		$\Delta AICc$	coefficients	$\Delta AICc$	coefficients	$\Delta AICc$	coefficients	$\Delta AICc$	coefficients
xylem porosity	R	-4.53	0.0680	2.42**	0.190	1.7*	-0.151	3.97**	0.1580
	D/SR		0.0000		0.000		0.000		0.0000
<i>PLA</i>		-2.89	-0.0140	8.98**	-0.025	-0.26	-0.010	-0.91	-0.0070
<i>LMA</i>		-12.76	0.0001	-1.9	0.001	-1.64	-0.002	-2.06	0.0001
$\pi_{ulp}$		-2.23	-0.1620	-1.77	-0.093	1.27*	-0.251	-0.52	-0.1530
<i>WD</i>		-3.96	-0.0380	-1.17	-0.220	-1.5	-0.151	0.43	0.2640

Variable abbreviations are as in Table 2.  $\Delta AICc$  is the  $AICc$  of a model excluding the trait minus that of the model including it.

\* $\Delta AICc > 1$ : variable meets  $\Delta AICc$  criterion for inclusion in full model

\*\* $\Delta AICc > 2$ : variable is considered significant as an individual predictor (and meets  $\Delta AICc$  criterion for inclusion in full model)

Table S5. Individual tests of species traits as drivers of drought resistance, where  $Rt_{ARIMA}$  is used as the response variable.

variable	category	all droughts		1966		1977		1999	
		$\Delta AICc$	coefficients	$\Delta AICc$	coefficients	$\Delta AICc$	coefficients	$\Delta AICc$	coefficients
xylem porosity	R	-5.28	0.0430	0.82	0.1500	2.79**	-0.178	2.47**	0.158
	D/SR		0.0000		0.0000		0.000		0.000
<i>PLA</i>		-5.13	-0.0120	10.32**	-0.0240	-0.91	-0.009	-1.68	-0.005
<i>LMA</i>		-12.70	0.0003	-2.04	0.0005	-0.53	-0.003	-1.9	0.001
$\pi_{tlp}$		-2.56	-0.1530	-1.91	-0.0640	-0.29	-0.201	-0.16	-0.190
<i>WD</i>		-3.93	-0.0380	-0.2	-0.2970	-1.68	-0.134	0.72	0.313

Variable abbreviations are as in Table 2.  $\Delta AICc$  is the AICc of a model excluding the trait minus that of the model including it.

\*\* $\Delta AICc > 2$ : variable considered significant as an individual predictor

Table S6. Summary of top full models for each drought instance, where  $Rt$  is used as the response variable.

drought	$\Delta AICc$	$R^2$	Intercept	$\ln[H]$	$\ln[TWI]$	$\ln[H] * \ln[TWI]$	crown position				$PLA$	$\pi_{tlp}$
							D	C	I	S		
<b>all</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>1.131</b>	<b>-0.057</b>	<b>-0.086</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>-0.012</b>	<b>-0.113</b>
	0.583	0.11	1.423	-0.055	-0.086	-	-	-	-	-	-0.013	-
	0.702	0.12	1.046	-0.09	-0.079	-	-0.034	0	-0.038	-0.052	-0.012	-0.101
	0.726	0.12	1.537	-0.202	-0.326	0.082	-	-	-	-	-0.012	-0.114
	0.783	0.11	1.299	-0.09	-0.079	-	-0.034	0	-0.039	-0.055	-0.014	-
	1.237	0.12	1.482	-0.246	-0.337	0.088	-0.035	0	-0.038	-0.053	-0.012	-0.101
	1.347	0.11	1.733	-0.245	-0.335	0.088	-0.036	0	-0.039	-0.056	-0.014	-
	1.352	0.11	1.826	-0.198	-0.324	0.081	-	-	-	-	-0.013	-
<b>1966</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>1.622</b>	<b>-0.135</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>-0.025</b>	-
	1.987	0.26	1.680	-0.155	-	-	-0.039	0	0.015	-0.062	-0.025	-
<b>1977</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.460</b>	-	<b>-0.134</b>	-	<b>-0.068</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-0.025</b>	<b>0.047</b>	-	<b>-0.253</b>
	0.036	0.22	0.503	-	-0.144	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.24
	0.944	0.21	1.069	-	-0.144	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1.024	0.22	0.568	-0.03	-0.139	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.246
	1.116	0.25	0.646	-	-0.132	-	-0.069	0	-0.025	0.046	-0.007	-0.217
	1.180	0.24	0.684	-	-0.142	-	-	-	-	-	-0.007	-0.204
	1.230	0.22	1.059	-	-0.134	-	-0.069	0	-0.027	0.041	-	-
	1.303	0.22	1.211	-	-0.141	-	-	-	-	-	-0.01	-
	1.508	0.23	1.206	-	-0.132	-	-0.07	0	-0.027	0.041	-0.01	-
	1.934	0.23	0.501	-0.013	-0.133	-	-0.067	0	-0.029	0.037	-	-0.252
<b>1999</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>1.265</b>	<b>-0.058</b>	<b>-0.092</b>	-	<b>0.001</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-0.076</b>	<b>-0.09</b>	-	-
	0.095	0.19	1.086	-	-0.099	-	-0.006	0	-0.055	-0.048	-	-
	0.236	0.18	1.061	-	-0.102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	0.259	0.19	0.659	-	-0.101	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.169
	0.519	0.21	0.907	-0.058	-0.091	-	0.002	0	-0.075	-0.087	-	-0.151
	0.600	0.21	0.729	-	-0.098	-	-0.005	0	-0.053	-0.046	-	-0.15
	0.901	0.21	1.367	-0.059	-0.09	-	0	0	-0.077	-0.091	-0.007	-
	0.999	0.20	1.186	-	-0.097	-	-0.006	0	-0.055	-0.049	-0.007	-
	1.190	0.19	1.157	-	-0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-0.007	-
	1.750	0.21	0.783	-	-0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-0.005	-0.145
	1.805	0.19	1.127	-0.066	-	-	-0.002	0	-0.081	-0.096	-	-
	1.886	0.20	1.509	-0.14	-0.229	0.046	0	0	-0.077	-0.091	-	-
	1.922	0.23	1.048	-0.059	-0.09	-	0.001	0	-0.076	-0.088	-0.005	-0.123

Models are ranked by AICc. Shown are all models whose AICc value falls within 2.0 ( $\Delta AICc < 1$ ) of the best model (bold).



Table S7. Summary of top full models for each drought instance, where  $Rt_{ARIMA}$  is used as the response variable.

drought	dAICc	$R^2$	Intercept	$\ln[H]$	$\ln[TWI]$	$\ln[H] * \ln[TWI]$	crown position				$PLA$	$\pi_{tlp}$
							D	C	I	S		
<b>all</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>1.125</b>	<b>-0.307</b>	<b>-0.506</b>	<b>0.14</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>-0.012</b>	-
	0.425	0.10	0.879	-0.31	-0.508	0.14	-	-	-	-	-0.011	-0.096
	1.208	0.09	0.424	-0.06	-0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-0.012	-
	1.695	0.10	0.178	-0.061	-0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-0.011	-0.095
<b>1966</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>1.66</b>	<b>-0.154</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>-0.024</b>	-
	1.393	0.23	1.735	-0.152	-0.047	-	-	-	-	-	-0.024	-
	1.457	0.23	1.859	-0.152	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.025	0.078
<b>1977</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>1.13</b>	-	<b>-0.18</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	0.424	0.16	2.453	-0.461	-0.896	0.25	-	-	-	-	-	-
	0.688	0.17	0.72	-	-0.179	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.173
	0.922	0.17	2.04	-0.466	-0.898	0.251	-	-	-	-	-	-0.18
	0.927	0.17	1.248	-	-0.177	-	-	-	-	-	-0.008	-
	1.082	0.16	1.108	-	-0.172	-	-0.06	0	-0.003	0.072	-	-
	1.269	0.17	0.634	-	-0.171	-	-0.059	0	-0.001	0.077	-	-0.199
	1.322	0.17	2.569	-0.461	-0.893	0.25	-	-	-	-	-0.008	-
	1.470	0.17	2.205	-0.383	-0.87	0.24	-0.07	0	0.014	0.098	-	-
	1.709	0.15	1.183	-0.02	-0.177	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1.752	0.18	1.731	-0.384	-0.87	0.241	-0.069	0	0.016	0.103	-	-0.201
	1.932	0.17	1.229	-	-0.169	-	-0.061	0	-0.003	0.072	-0.009	-
<b>1999</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.563</b>	-	<b>-0.076</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>-0.2</b>
	0.064	0.19	0.421	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.202
	0.127	0.18	1.036	-	-0.077	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	0.256	0.18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1.777	0.20	0.529	0.016	-0.078	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.195
	1.797	0.20	1.101	-	-0.076	-	-	-	-	-	-0.004	-
	1.815	0.18	0.986	0.018	-0.079	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1.838	0.20	0.972	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.005	-
	1.933	0.19	0.391	0.012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.199
	1.979	0.21	0.612	-	-0.075	-	-	-	-	-	-0.002	-0.19
	1.999	0.21	0.482	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.002	-0.19

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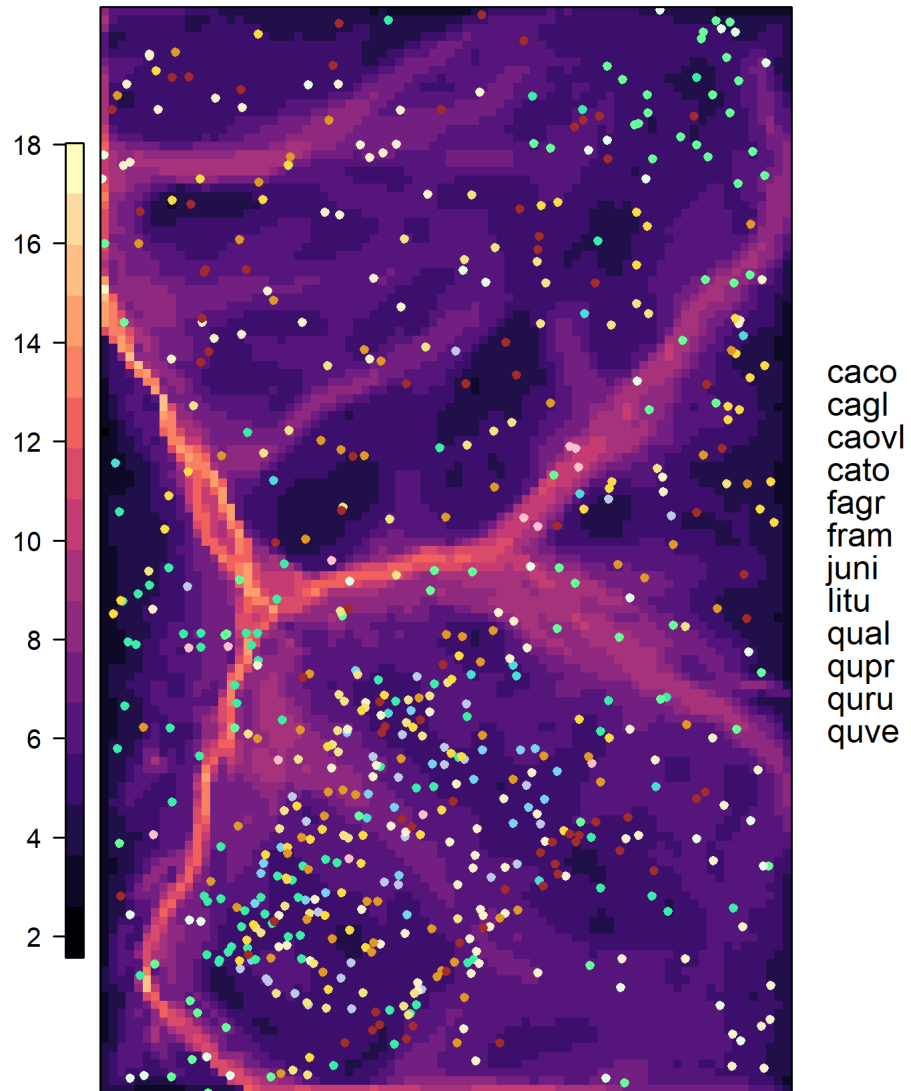


Figure S1: Map of ForestGEO plot showing TWI and location of cored trees

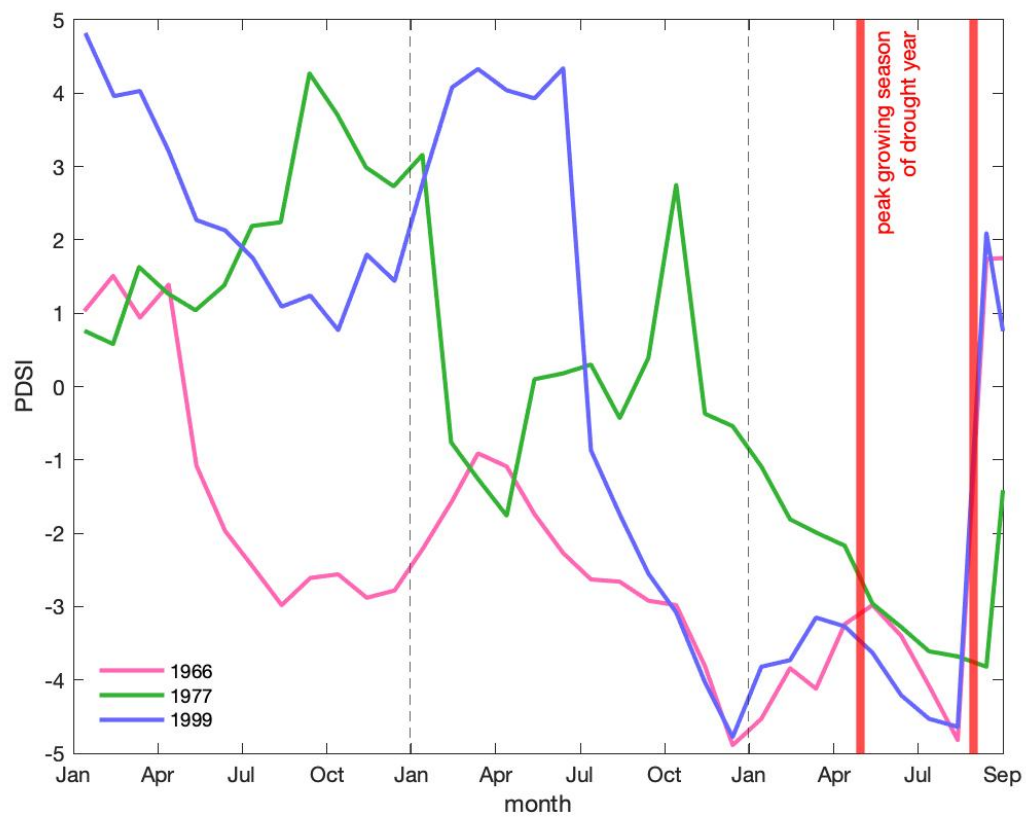


Figure S2: Time series of Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI) for the 2.5 years prior to each focal drought

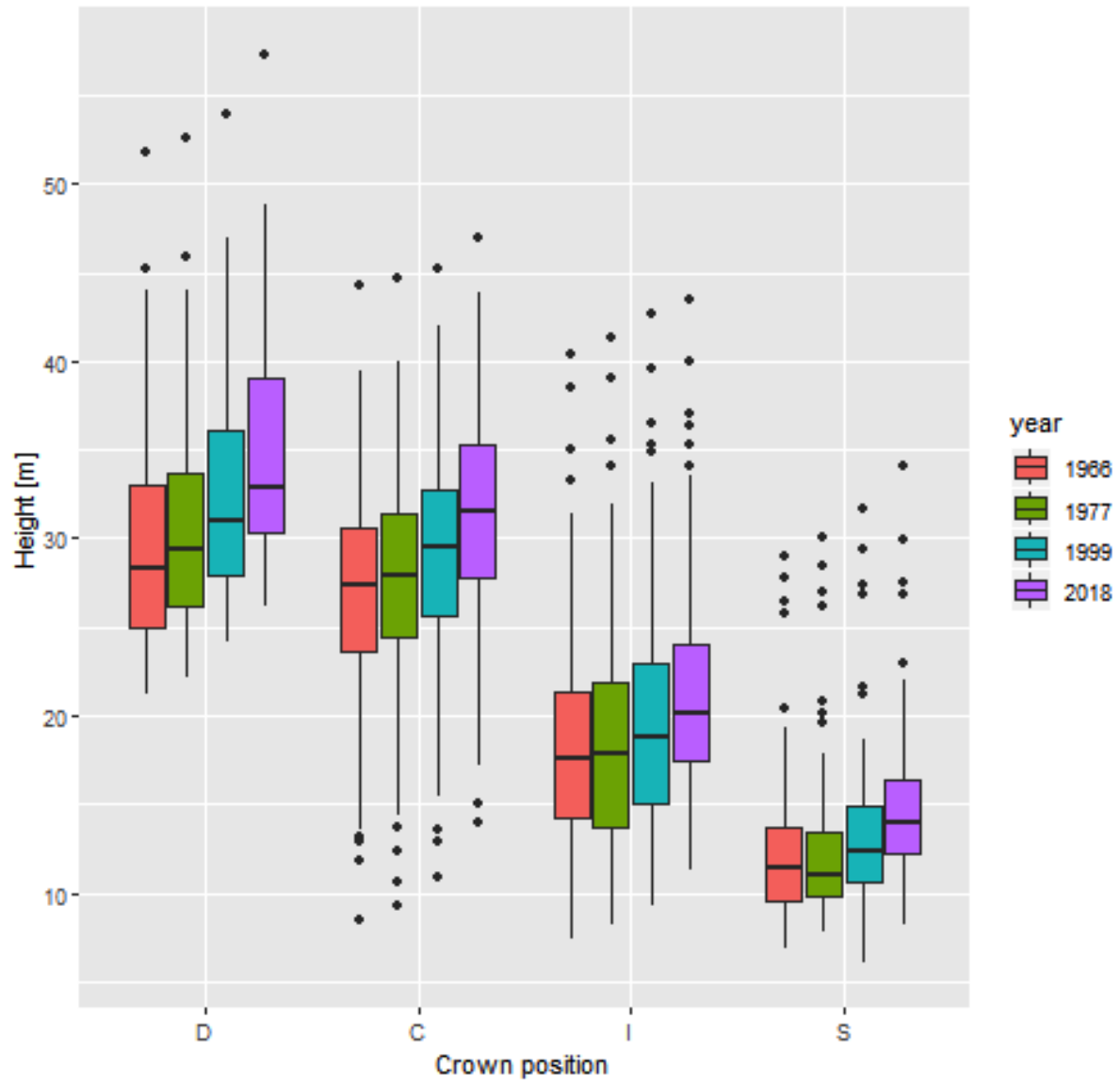


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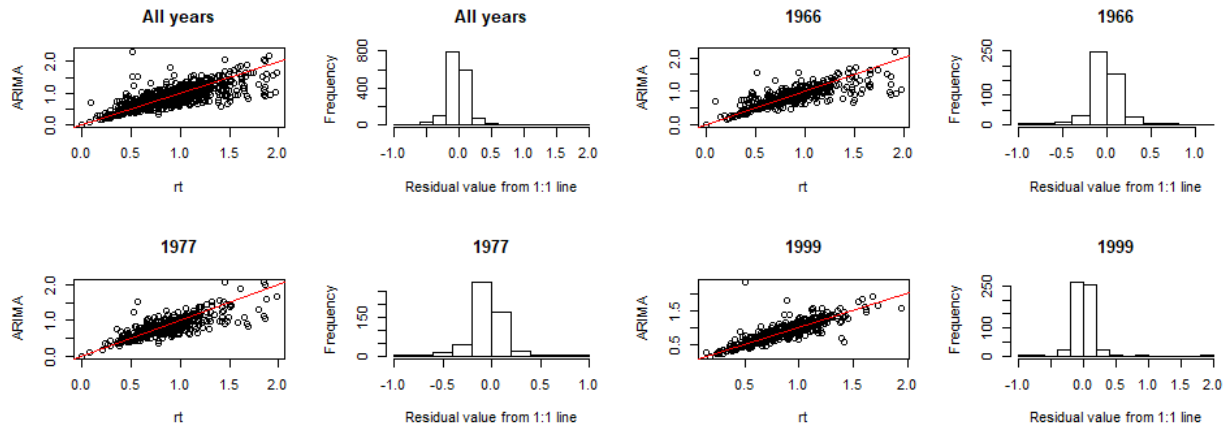


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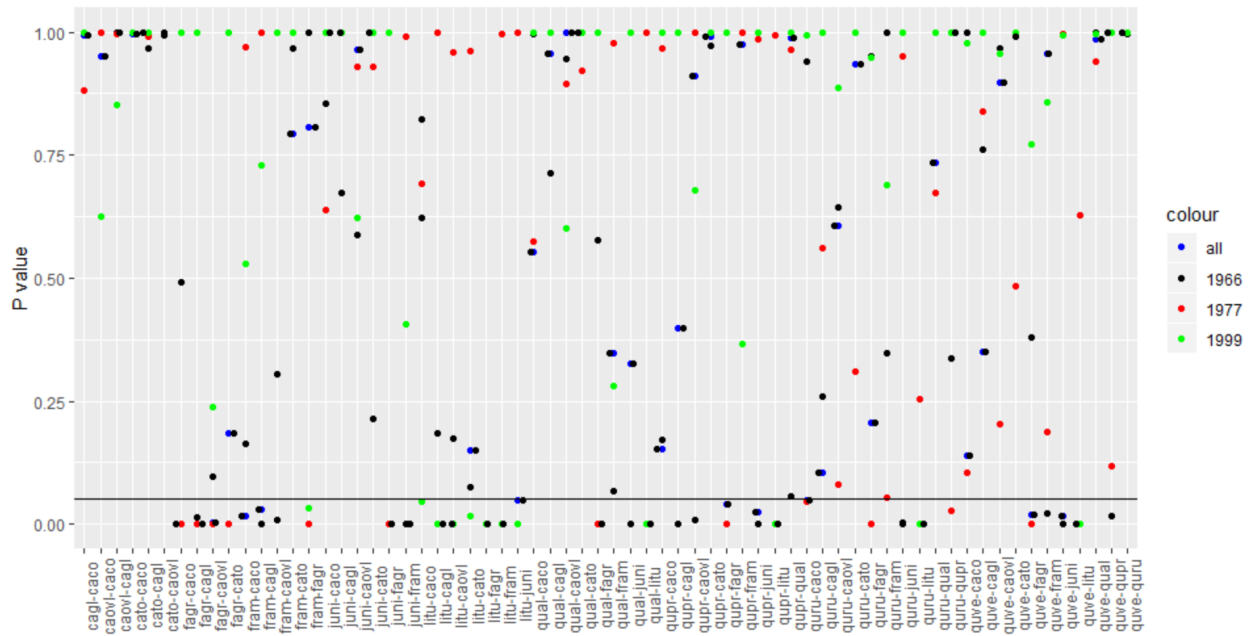


Figure S5: PLACEHOLDER